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construction, and for defense activities of the Department of  
Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for  
the Armed Forces, to reform acquisition laws and information  
technology management of the Federal Government, and for other  
purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
United States of America in Congress assembled,

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## **TITLE XXIX--LAND CONVEYANCES INVOLVING JOLIET ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT, ILLINOIS**

### **SEC. 2901. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the `Illinois Land Conservation Act of 1995'.

### **SEC. 2902. DEFINITIONS.**

For purposes of this title, the following definitions apply:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR- The term `Administrator' means the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES- The term `agricultural purposes' means the use of land for row crops, pasture, hay, and grazing.

(3) ARSENAL- The term `Arsenal' means the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant located in the State of Illinois.

(4) ARSENAL LAND USE CONCEPT- The term `Arsenal land use concept' means the land use proposals that were developed and unanimously approved on May 30, 1995, by the Joliet Arsenal Citizen Planning Commission.

(5) CERCLA- The term `CERCLA' means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

(6) ENVIRONMENTAL LAW- The term `environmental law' means all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and requirements related to protection of human health, natural and cultural resources, or the environment. Such term includes CERCLA, the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.), the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), and the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.).

(7) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE- The term `hazardous substance' has the meaning given such term by section 101(14) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601(14)).

(8) MNP- The term `MNP' means the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie established pursuant to section 2914 and managed as a part of the National Forest System.

(9) PERSON- The term `person' has the meaning given such term by section 101(21) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601(21)).

(10) POLLUTANT OR CONTAMINANT- The term `pollutant or contaminant' has the meaning given such term by section 101(33) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601(33)).

(11) RELEASE- The term `release' has the meaning given such term by section 101(22) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601(22)).

(12) RESPONSE ACTION- The term `response action' has the meaning given the term `response' by section 101(25) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601(25)).

**SUBTITLE A--CONVERSION OF JOLIET ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT TO  
MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE**

**SEC. 2911. PRINCIPLES OF TRANSFER.**

(a) LAND USE PLAN- The Congress ratifies in principle the proposals generally identified by the land use plan which was developed by the Joliet Arsenal Citizen Planning Commission and unanimously approved on May 30, 1995.

(b) TRANSFER WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT- The area constituting the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie shall be transferred, without reimbursement, to the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) MANAGEMENT OF MNP- Management by the Secretary of Agriculture of those portions of the Arsenal transferred to the Secretary under this title shall be in accordance with sections 2914 and 2915 regarding the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

(d) SECURITY MEASURES- The Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture shall each provide and maintain physical and other security measures on such portion of the Arsenal as is under the administrative jurisdiction of such Secretary, unless the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture agree otherwise. Such security measures (which may include fences and natural barriers) shall include measures to prevent members of the public from gaining unauthorized access to such portions of the Arsenal as are under the administrative jurisdiction of such Secretary and that may endanger health or safety.

(e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS- The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator are individually and collectively authorized to enter into cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding among each other and with other affected Federal agencies, State and local governments, private organizations, and corporations to carry out the purposes for which the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is established.

(f) INTERIM ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE- Prior to transfer and subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe, the Secretary of Agriculture may enter upon the Arsenal property for purposes related to planning, resource inventory, fish and wildlife habitat manipulation (which may include prescribed burning), and other such activities consistent with the purposes for which the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is established.

**SEC. 2912. TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND JURISDICTION OVER ARSENAL.**

(a) GENERAL RULE FOR TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION-

(1) TRANSFER REQUIRED SUBJECT TO RESPONSE ACTIONS- Subject to subsection (d), not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary of the Army shall transfer, without reimbursement, to the Secretary of Agriculture those portions of the Arsenal that--

- (A) are identified on the map described in subsection (e)(1) as appropriate for transfer under this subsection to the Secretary of Agriculture; and
- (B) the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator concur in finding that all response actions have been taken under CERCLA necessary to protect human health and the environment with respect to any hazardous substance remaining on the property.

(2) EFFECT OF LESS THAN COMPLETE TRANSFER- If the concurrence requirement in paragraph (1)(B) results in the transfer, within such 270-day period, of less than all of the Arsenal property covered by paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into a memorandum of understanding providing for the performance by the Secretary of the Army of the additional response actions necessary to allow fulfillment of the concurrence

requirement with respect to such Arsenal property. The memorandum of understanding shall be entered into within 60 days of the end of such 270-day period and shall include a schedule for the completion of the additional response actions as soon as practicable. Subject to subsection (d), the Secretary of the Army shall transfer Arsenal property covered by this paragraph to the Secretary of Agriculture as soon as possible after the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator concur that all additional response actions have been taken under CERCLA necessary to protect human health and the environment with respect to any hazardous substance remaining on the property. The Secretary of the Army may make transfers under this paragraph on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING CONCURRENCES- For the purpose of reaching the concurrences required by this subsection and subsection (b), if a response action requires construction and installation of an approved remedial design, the response action shall be considered to have been taken when the construction and installation of the approved remedial design is completed and the remedy is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Administrator to be operating properly and successfully

(b) SPECIAL TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PARCELS- Subject to subsection (d), the Secretary of the Army shall transfer, without reimbursement, to the Secretary of Agriculture the Arsenal property known as LAP Area Sites L2, L3, and L5 and Manufacturing Area Site 1. The transfer shall occur as soon as possible after the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator concur that all response actions have been taken under CERCLA necessary to protect human health and the environment with respect to any hazardous substance remaining on the property. The Secretary of the Army may make transfers under this subsection on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

(c) DOCUMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION OF PARCELS; ASSESSMENT OF REQUIRED ACTIONS UNDER OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS-

(1) DOCUMENTATION- The Secretary of the Army and the Administrator shall provide to the Secretary of Agriculture all documentation and information that exists on the date the documentation and information is provided relating to the environmental condition of the Arsenal property proposed for transfer under subsection (a) or (b), including documentation that supports the

finding that all response actions have been taken under CERCLA necessary to protect human health and the environment with respect to any hazardous substance remaining on the property.

(2) ASSESSMENT- The Secretary of the Army shall provide to the Secretary of Agriculture an assessment, based on information in existence at the time the assessment is provided, indicating what further action, if any, is required under any environmental law (other than CERCLA) on the Arsenal property proposed for transfer under subsection (a) or (b).

(3) TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTATION AND ASSESSMENT- The documentation and assessments required to be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture under this subsection shall be submitted--

(A) in the case of the transfers required by subsection (a), not later than 210 days after the date of the enactment of this title; and

(B) in the case of the transfers required by subsection (b), not later than 60 days before the earliest date on which the property could be transferred.

(4) SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION- The Secretary of the Army and the Administrator shall have a continuing obligation to provide to the Secretary of Agriculture any additional information regarding the environmental condition of property to be transferred under subsection (a) or (b) as such information becomes available.

(d) EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT-

(1) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO DECLINE IMMEDIATE TRANSFER- If a parcel of Arsenal property to be transferred under subsection (a) or (b) includes property for which the assessment under subsection (c)(2) concludes further action is required under any environmental law (other than CERCLA), the Secretary of Agriculture may decline immediate transfer of the parcel. With respect to such a parcel, the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into a memorandum of understanding providing for the performance by the Secretary of the Army of the required actions identified in the Army assessment. The memorandum of understanding shall be entered into within 90 days after the date on which the Secretary of

Agriculture declines immediate transfer of the parcel and shall include a schedule for the completion of the required actions as soon as practicable.

(2) EVENTUAL TRANSFER- In the case of a parcel of Arsenal property that the Secretary of Agriculture declines immediate transfer under paragraph (1), the Secretary may accept transfer of the parcel at any time after the original finding with respect to the parcel that all response actions have been taken under CERCLA necessary to protect human health and the environment with respect to any hazardous substance remaining on the property. The Secretary of Agriculture shall accept transfer of the parcel as soon as possible after the date on which all required further actions identified in the assessment have been taken and the terms of any memorandum of understanding have been satisfied.

(e) IDENTIFICATION OF ARSENAL PROPERTY FOR TRANSFER-

(1) MAP OF PROPOSED TRANSFERS- The lands subject to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture under subsections (a) and (b) and section 2916 are depicted on the map dated September 22, 1995, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Logistics and the Environment

(2) METHOD OF EFFECTING TRANSFER- The Secretary of the Army shall effect the transfer of jurisdiction of Arsenal property under subsections (a) and (b) and section 2916 by publication of notices in the Federal Register. The Secretary of Agriculture shall give prior concurrence to the publication of such notices. Each notice published in the Federal Register shall refer to the parcel being transferred by legal description, references to maps or surveys, or other forms of description mutually acceptable to the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary of the Army shall provide, without reimbursement, to the Secretary of Agriculture copies of all surveys and land title information on lands transferred under this section or section 2916.

(f) SURVEYS- All costs of necessary surveys for the transfer of jurisdiction of Arsenal property from the Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be borne by the Secretary of Agriculture.

**SEC. 2913. RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY.**

(a) CONTINUED LIABILITY OF SECRETARY OF THE ARMY- The transfers of Arsenal property under sections 2912 and 2916, and the requirements of such sections, shall not in any way affect the responsibilities and liabilities of the Secretary of the Army specified in this section. The Secretary of the Army shall retain any obligation or other liability at the Arsenal that the Secretary of the Army has under CERCLA or other environmental laws. Following transfer of a portion of the Arsenal under this subtitle, the Secretary of the Army shall be accorded any easement or access to the property that may be reasonably required by the Secretary to carry out the obligation or satisfy the liability.

(b) SPECIAL PROTECTIONS FOR SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE- The Secretary of Agriculture shall not be liable under any environmental law for matters which are related directly or indirectly to activities of the Secretary of the Army at the Arsenal or any party acting under the authority of the Secretary of the Army at the Arsenal, including any of the following:

(1) Costs or performance of response actions required under CERCLA at or related to the Arsenal.

(2) Costs, penalties, fines, or performance of actions related to noncompliance with any environmental law at or related to the Arsenal or related to the presence, release, or threat of release of any hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant, hazardous waste, or hazardous material of any kind at or related to the Arsenal, including contamination resulting from migration of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant, hazardous waste, hazardous material, or petroleum products or their derivatives.

(3) Costs or performance of actions necessary to remedy noncompliance or another problem specified in paragraph (2).

(c) LIABILITY OF OTHER PERSONS- Nothing in this title shall be construed to effect, modify, amend, repeal, alter, limit or otherwise change, directly or indirectly, the responsibilities or liabilities under any environmental law of any person (including the Secretary of Agriculture), except as provided in subsection (b) with respect to the Secretary of Agriculture.

(d) PAYMENT OF RESPONSE ACTION COSTS- A Federal agency that had or has operations at the Arsenal resulting in the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant for which that agency would be liable under any environmental law, subject to the provisions of this subtitle, shall pay the costs of related response actions and shall pay the costs of related actions to remediate petroleum products or the derivatives of the products, including motor oil and aviation fuel.

(e) CONSULTATION-

(1) RESPONSIBILITY OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE- The Secretary of Agriculture shall consult with the Secretary of the Army with respect to the management by the Secretary of Agriculture of real property included in the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie subject to any response action or other action at the Arsenal being carried out by or under the authority of the Secretary of the Army under any environmental law. The Secretary of Agriculture shall consult with the Secretary of the Army prior to undertaking any activities on the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie that may disturb the property to ensure that such activities will not exacerbate contamination problems or interfere with performance by the Secretary of the Army of response actions at the property.

(2) RESPONSIBILITY OF SECRETARY OF THE ARMY- In carrying out response actions at the Arsenal, the Secretary of the Army shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure that such actions are carried out in a manner consistent with the purposes for which the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is established, as specified in section 2914(c), and the other provisions of sections 2914 and 2915.

**SEC. 2914. ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF  
MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT- On the effective date of the initial transfer of jurisdiction of portions of the Arsenal to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 2912(a), the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. The MNP shall--

(1) be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture; and

(2) consist of the real property so transferred and such other portions of the Arsenal subsequently transferred

under section 2912(b) or 2916 or acquired under section 2914(d).

(b) ADMINISTRATION-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Agriculture shall manage the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie as a part of the National Forest System in accordance with this title and the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the National Forest System, except that the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act of 1937 (7 U.S.C. 1010-1012) shall not apply to the MNP.

(2) INITIAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES- In order to expedite the administration and public use of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, the Secretary of Agriculture may conduct management activities at the MNP to effectuate the purposes for which the MNP is established, as set forth in subsection (c), in advance of the development of a land and resource management plan for the MNP.

(3) LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN- In developing a land and resource management plan for the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, the Secretary of Agriculture shall consult with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and local governments adjacent to the MNP and provide an opportunity for public comment. Any parcel transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture under this title after the development of a land and resource management plan for the MNP may be managed in accordance with such plan without need for an amendment to the plan.

(c) PURPOSES OF THE MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE- The Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is established to be managed for National Forest System purposes, including the following:

(1) To manage the land and water resources of the MNP in a manner that will conserve and enhance the native populations and habitats of fish, wildlife, and plants.

(2) To provide opportunities for scientific, environmental, and land use education and research.

(3) To allow the continuation of agricultural uses of lands within the MNP consistent with section 2915(b).

(4) To provide a variety of recreation opportunities that are not inconsistent with the preceding purposes.

(d) OTHER LAND ACQUISITION FOR MNP-

(1) AVAILABILITY OF LAND ACQUISITION FUNDS- Notwithstanding section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460 1-9), the Secretary of Agriculture may use monies appropriated from the Land and Water Conservation Fund established under section 2 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 460 1-5) for the acquisition of lands and interests in land for inclusion in the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

(2) ACQUISITION OF LANDS- The Secretary of Agriculture may acquire lands or interests therein for inclusion in the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie by donation, purchase, or exchange, except that the acquisition of private lands for inclusion in the MNP shall be on a willing seller basis only.

(e) COOPERATION WITH STATES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER ENTITIES- In the management of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and encouraged to cooperate with appropriate Federal, State and local governmental agencies, private organizations and corporations. Such cooperation may include cooperative agreements as well as the exercise of the existing authorities of the Secretary under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.) and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1641 et seq.). The objects of such cooperation may include public education, land and resource protection, and cooperative management among government, corporate, and private landowners in a manner which furthers the purposes for which the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is established.

**SEC. 2915. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR  
MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE.**

(a) PROHIBITION AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW THROUGH ROADS- No new construction of any highway, public road, or any part of the interstate system, whether Federal, State, or local, shall be permitted through or across any portion of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Nothing in this title

shall preclude construction and maintenance of roads for use within the MNP, the granting of authorizations for utility rights-of-way under applicable Federal law, or such access as is necessary. Nothing in this title shall preclude necessary access by the Secretary of the Army for purposes of restoration and cleanup as provided in this title.

(b) AGRICULTURAL LEASES AND SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATIONS- Within the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, use of the lands for agricultural purposes shall be permitted subject to the following terms and conditions:

(1) If at the time of transfer of jurisdiction under section 2912 or 2916 there exists any lease issued by the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of Defense for agricultural purposes upon the parcel transferred, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue a special use authorization to supersede the lease. The terms of the special use authorization shall be identical in substance to the lease that the special use authorization is superseding, including the expiration date and any payments owed the United States. On issuance of the special use authorization, the lease shall become void.

(2) In addition to the authority provided in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Agriculture may issue special use authorizations to persons for use of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie for agricultural purposes. Special use authorizations issued pursuant to this paragraph shall include terms and conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture may deem appropriate.

(3) No agricultural special use authorization shall be issued for agricultural purposes which has a term extending beyond the date 20 years from the date of the enactment of this title, except that nothing in this title shall preclude the Secretary of Agriculture from issuing agricultural special use authorizations or grazing permits which are effective after twenty years from the date of enactment of this title for purposes primarily related to erosion control, provision for food and habitat for fish and wildlife, or other resource management activities consistent with the purposes of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

(c) TREATMENT OF RENTAL FEES- Monies received under a special use authorization issued under subsection (b) shall be subject to distribution to the State of Illinois and affected counties pursuant to the Act of May 23, 1908, and section 13

of the Act of March 1, 1911 (16 U.S.C. 500). All monies not distributed pursuant to such Acts shall be covered into the Treasury and shall constitute a special fund (to be known as the 'MNP Rental Fee Account'). The Secretary of Agriculture may use amounts in the fund, until expended and without fiscal year limitation, to cover the cost to the United States of prairie improvement work at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Any amounts in the fund that the Secretary of Agriculture determines to be in excess of the cost of doing such work shall be transferred, upon such determination, to miscellaneous receipts, Forest Service Fund, as a National Forest receipt of the fiscal year in which the transfer is made.

(d) USER FEES- The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to charge reasonable fees for the admission, occupancy, and use of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and may prescribe a fee schedule providing for reduced or a waiver of fees for persons or groups engaged in authorized activities including those providing volunteer services, research, or education. The Secretary shall permit admission, occupancy, and use at no additional charge for persons possessing a valid Golden Eagle Passport or Golden Age Passport.

(e) SALVAGE OF IMPROVEMENTS- The Secretary of Agriculture may sell for salvage value any facilities and improvements which have been transferred to the Secretary pursuant to this title.

(f) TREATMENT OF USER FEES AND SALVAGE RECEIPTS- Monies collected pursuant to subsections (d) and (e) shall be covered into the Treasury and constitute a special fund (to be known as the 'Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Restoration Fund'). The Secretary of Agriculture may use amounts in the fund, in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts, for restoration and administration of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, including construction of a visitor and education center, restoration of ecosystems, construction of recreational facilities (such as trails), construction of administrative offices, and operation and maintenance of the MNP. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include the MNP among the areas under the jurisdiction of the Secretary selected for inclusion in any cost recovery or any pilot program of the Secretary for the collection, use, and distribution of user fees.

**SEC. 2916. SPECIAL TRANSFER RULES FOR  
CERTAIN ARSENAL PARCELS INTENDED FOR MNP.**

(a) DESCRIPTION OF PARCELS- The following areas of the Arsenal may be transferred under this section:

- (1) Study Area 2, explosive burning ground.
- (2) Study Area 3, flashing ground.
- (3) Study Area 4, lead azide area.
- (4) Study Area 10, toluene tank farms.
- (5) Study Area 11, landfill.
- (6) Study Area 12, sellite manufacturing area.
- (7) Study Area 14, former pond area.
- (8) Study Area 15, sewage treatment plan.
- (9) Study Area L1, load assemble packing area, group 61.
- (10) Study Area L4, landfill area.
- (11) Study Area L7, group 1.
- (12) Study Area L8, group 2.
- (13) Study Area L9, group 3.
- (14) Study Area L10, group 3A.
- (15) Study Area L14, group 4.
- (16) Study Area L15, group 5.
- (17) Study Area L18, group 8.
- (18) Study Area L19, group 9.
- (19) Study Area L33, PVC area.
- (20) Any other lands proposed for transfer as depicted on the map described in section 2912(e)(1) and not otherwise specifically identified for transfer under this subtitle.

(b) INFORMATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION OF PARCELS; ASSESSMENT OF REQUIRED ACTIONS UNDER OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS-

(1) INFORMATION- Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator concur in finding that, with respect to a parcel of Arsenal property described in subsection (a), all response actions have been taken under CERCLA necessary to protect human health and the environment with respect to any hazardous substance remaining on the parcel, the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator shall provide to the Secretary of Agriculture all information that exists on such date regarding the environmental condition of the parcel and the implementation of any response action, including information regarding the effectiveness of the response action.

(2) ASSESSMENT- At the same time as information is provided under paragraph (1) with regard to a parcel of Arsenal property described in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the Secretary of Agriculture an assessment, based on information in existence at the time the assessment is provided,

indicating what further action, if any, is required under any environmental law (other than CERCLA) with respect to the parcel.

3) SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION- The Secretary of the Army and the Administrator shall have a continuing obligation to provide to the Secretary of Agriculture any additional information regarding the environmental condition of a parcel of the Arsenal property described in subsection (a) as such information becomes available.

(c) OFFER OF TRANSFER- Not later than 180 days after the date on which information is provided under subsection (b)(1) with regard to a parcel of the Arsenal property described in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army shall offer the Secretary of Agriculture the option of accepting a transfer of the parcel, without reimbursement, to be added to the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. The transfer shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this subtitle, including the liability provisions contained in section 2913. The Secretary of Agriculture has the option to accept or decline the offered transfer. The transfer of property under this section may be made on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

(d) EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT-

(1) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO DECLINE TRANSFER- If a parcel of Arsenal property described in subsection (a) includes property for which the assessment under subsection (b)(2) concludes further action is required under any other environmental law, the Secretary of Agriculture may decline any transfer of the parcel. Alternatively, the Secretary of Agriculture may decline immediate transfer of the parcel and enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of the Army providing for the performance by the Secretary of the Army of the required actions identified in the Army assessment with respect to the parcel. The memorandum of understanding shall be entered into within 90 days, or such later date as the Secretaries may establish, after the date on which the Secretary of Agriculture declines immediate transfer of the parcel and shall include a schedule for the completion of the required actions as soon as practicable.

(2) EVENTUAL TRANSFER- The Secretary of Agriculture may accept or decline at any time for any reason the transfer of a parcel covered by this section. However, if the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the

Army enter into a memorandum of understanding under paragraph (1) providing for transfer of the parcel, the Secretary of Agriculture shall accept transfer of the parcel as soon as possible after the date on which all required further actions identified in the assessment have been taken and the requirements of the memorandum of understanding have been satisfied.

(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING CONCURRENCES- For the purpose of thereaching the concurrence required by subsection (b)(1), if a response action requires construction and installation of an approved remedial design, the response action shall be considered to have been taken when the construction and installation of the approved remedial design is completed and the remedy is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Administrator to be operating properly and successfully.

(f) INCLUSIONS AND EXCEPTIONS-

(1) INCLUSIONS- The parcels of Arsenal property described in subsection (a) shall include all associated inventoried buildings and structures as identified in the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant Plantwide Building and Structures Report and the contaminate study sites for both the manufacturing and load assembly and packing sites of the Arsenal as shown in the Dames and Moore Final Report, Phase 2 Remedial Investigation Manufacturing (MFG) Area Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, Joliet, Illinois (May 30, 1993, Contract No. DAAA15-90-D-0015 task order No. 6 prepared for the United States Army Environmental Center).

(2) EXCEPTION- The parcels described in subsection (a) shall not include the property at the Arsenal designated for transfer or conveyance under subtitle B.

**SUBTITLE B--OTHER LAND CONVEYANCES INVOLVING**  
**JOLIET ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT**

**SEC. 2921. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT ARSENAL  
FOR A NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED- Subject to section 2931, the Secretary of the Army may transfer, without reimbursement, to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs the parcel of real property at the Arsenal described in subsection (b) for use as a national cemetery operated as part of the National Cemetery System of the Department of Veterans Affairs under chapter 24 of title 38, United States Code.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY- The real property authorized to be transferred under subsection (a) is a parcel of real property at the Arsenal consisting of approximately 982 acres, the approximate legal description of which includes part of sections 30 and 31, Jackson Township, Township 34 North, Range 10 East, and part of sections 25 and 36, Channahon Township, Township 34 North, Range 10 East, Will County, Illinois, as depicted in the Arsenal land use concept.

(c) SECURITY MEASURES- The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide and maintain physical and other security measures on the real property transferred under subsection (a). Such security measures (which may include fences and natural barriers) shall include measures to prevent members of the public from gaining unauthorized access to the portion of the Arsenal that is under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and that may endanger health or safety.

(d) SURVEYS- All costs of necessary surveys for the transfer of jurisdiction of Arsenal properties from the Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall be borne solely by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**SEC. 2922. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT ARSENAL  
FOR A COUNTY LANDFILL.**

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED- Subject to section 2931, the Secretary of the Army may convey, without compensation, to Will County, Illinois, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel of real property at the Arsenal described in subsection (b), which shall be operated as a landfill by the County.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY- The real property authorized to be conveyed under subsection (a) is a parcel of real property at the Arsenal consisting of approximately 455 acres, the approximate legal description of which includes part of sections 8, 9, 16, and 17, Florence Township, Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Will County, Illinois, as depicted in the Arsenal land use concept.

(c) CONDITION ON CONVEYANCE- The conveyance shall be subject to the condition that the Department of the Army, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Agriculture (or their agents or assigns) may use the landfill established on the real property conveyed under subsection (a) for the disposal of construction debris, refuse, and

other materials related to any restoration and cleanup of Arsenal property. Such use shall be subject to applicable environmental laws and at no cost to the Federal Government.

(d) REVERSIONARY INTEREST- If, at the end of the five-year period beginning on the date of the conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the conveyed property is not opened for operation as a landfill, then, at the option of the Secretary of Agriculture, all right, title, and interest in and to the property, including improvements thereon, shall revert to the United States. Upon any such reversion, the property shall be included in the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. In the event the United States exercises its option to cause the property to revert, the United States shall have the right of immediate entry onto the property.

(e) INFORMATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS- At the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, Will County, the Secretary of the Army, and the Administrator shall provide to the Secretary of Agriculture all information in their possession at the time of the request regarding the environmental condition of the real property to be conveyed under this section. The liability and responsibility of any person under any environmental law shall remain unchanged with respect to the landfill, except as provided in this title, including section 2913.

(f) SURVEYS- All costs of necessary surveys for the conveyance of real property under this section shall be borne by Will County, Illinois.

(g) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS- The Secretary of the Army may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under this section as the Secretary of the Army considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

**SEC. 2923. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT ARSENAL  
FOR INDUSTRIAL PARKS.**

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED- Subject to section 2931, the Secretary of the Army may convey to the State of Illinois, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcels of real property at the Arsenal described in subsection (b), which shall be used as industrial parks to replace all or a part of the economic activity lost at the Arsenal.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY- The real property at the Arsenal authorized to be transferred under subsection (a) consists of the following parcels:

- (1) A parcel of approximately 1,900 acres, the approximate legal description of which includes part of section 30, Jackson Township, Township 34 North, Range 10 East, and sections or parts of sections 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 34 North, Range 9 East, in Channahon Township, an area of 9.77 acres around the Des Plaines River Pump Station located in the southeast quarter of section 15, Township 34 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Channahon Township, and an area of 511 feet by 596 feet around the Kankakee River Pump Station in the Northwest Quarter of section 5, Township 33 North, Range 9 East, east of the Third Principal Meridian in Wilmington Township, containing 6.99 acres, located along the easterly side of the Kankakee Cut-Off in Will County, Illinois, as depicted in the Arsenal land use concept, and the connecting piping to the northern industrial site, as described by the United States Army Report of Availability, dated 13 December 1993.
- (2) A parcel of approximately 1,100 acres, the approximate legal description of which includes part of sections 16, 17, and 18 in Florence Township, Township 33 North, Range 10 East, Will County, Illinois, as depicted in the Arsenal land use concept.

(c) CONSIDERATION-

(1) DELAY IN PAYMENT OF CONSIDERATION- After the end of the 20-year period beginning on the date on which the conveyance under subsection (a) is completed, the State of Illinois shall pay to the United States an amount equal to fair market value of the conveyed property as of the time of the conveyance.

(2) EFFECT OF RECONVEYANCE BY STATE- If the State of Illinois reconveys all or any part of the conveyed property during such 20-year period, the State shall pay to the United States an amount equal to the fair market value of the reconveyed property as of the time of the reconveyance, excluding the value of any improvements made to the property by the State.

(3) DETERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE- The Secretary of the Army shall determine fair market value in accordance with Federal appraisal standards and procedures.

(4) TREATMENT OF LEASES- The Secretary of the Army may treat a lease of the property within such 20-year period as a reconveyance if the Secretary determines that the lease is being used to avoid application of paragraph (2).

(5) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS- The Secretary of the Army shall deposit any proceeds received under this subsection in the special account established pursuant to section 204(h)(2) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 40 U.S.C. 485(h)(2)).

(d) CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE-

(1) REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY- The conveyance under subsection(a) shall be subject to the condition that the Governor of the State of Illinois, in consultation with the Mayor of the Village of Elwood, Illinois, and the Mayor of the City of Wilmington, Illinois, establish a redevelopment authority to be responsible for overseeing the development of the industrial parks on the conveyed property.

(2) TIME FOR ESTABLISHMENT- To satisfy the condition specified in paragraph (1), the redevelopment authority shall be established within one year after the date of the enactment of this title.

(e) SURVEYS- All costs of necessary surveys for the conveyance of real property under this section shall be borne by the State of Illinois.

(f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS- The Secretary of the Army may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

**SUBTITLE C--MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**SEC. 2931. DEGREE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP.**

(a) IN GENERAL- Nothing in this title shall be construed to restrict or lessen the degree of cleanup at the Arsenal required to be carried out under provisions of any environmental law.

(b) RESPONSE ACTION- The establishment of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie under subtitle A and the additional real property transfers or conveyances authorized under subtitle B shall not restrict or lessen in any way any response action or degree of cleanup under CERCLA or other environmental law, or any action required under any environmental law to remediate petroleum products or their derivatives (including motor oil and aviation fuel), required to be carried out under the authority of the Secretary of the Army at the Arsenal and surrounding areas.

(c) ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF PROPERTY- Any contract for sale, deed, or other transfer of real property under subtitle B shall be carried out in compliance with all applicable provisions of section 120(h) of CERCLA and other environmental laws.

**SEC. 2932. RETENTION OF PROPERTY USED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP.**

(a) RETENTION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY- Unless and until the Arsenal property described in this subsection is actually transferred or conveyed under this title or other applicable law, the Secretary of the Army may retain jurisdiction, authority, and control over real property at the Arsenal to be used for--

(1) water treatment;

(2) the treatment, storage, or disposal of any hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant, hazardous material, or petroleum products or their derivatives;

(3) other purposes related to any response action at the Arsenal; and

(4) other actions required at the Arsenal under any environmental law to remediate contamination or conditions of noncompliance with any environmental law.

(b) CONDITIONS- The Secretary of the Army shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the identification and management of the real property retained under this section and ensure that activities carried out on that property are consistent, to the extent practicable, with the purposes for which the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is established, as specified in section 2914(c), and with the other provisions of sections 2914 and 2915.

(c) PRIORITY OF RESPONSE ACTIONS- In the case of any conflict between management of the property by the Secretary of Agriculture and any response action required under CERCLA, or any other action required under any other environmental law, including actions to remediate petroleum products or their derivatives, the response action or other action shall take priority.